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William A. Jackson
N. H. State Liquor Commission
109 North Main Street
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CONCORD, N.H.

Dear Sir:

In a letter of August 28, 1956, you quoted the first sentence of RSA 178:3, and asked our interpretation of the word "may" appearing therein.

It is our view that the effect of this word is to place broad discretionary power in the Commission in determining, in any given case, whether or not a hotel license should be issued. In the exercise of such power the Commission may take into consideration any and all factors which, in its opinion, bear upon the propriety of granting the particular license. No attempt is here made to enumerate such factors; it suffices to say that such factors are those which will be known or suggest themselves to the Commission, based upon and arising from the Commission's duties and experiences in regulating the traffic in intoxicating liquor under the statutes.

Very truly yours,

Warren E. Waters
Deputy Attorney General

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